Water shortage in Hyderabad

1368. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations consultant for Asian countries has expressed the view that replenishing old tanks with treated sewage water will mitigate water shortage in Hyderabad to a great extent;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programme of action has been initiated by the State Government with the help of World Bank;

(c) whether the projects that were undertaken have been fully completed;

(d) whether Kagna river which is located near Vikrabad and merges into Bhima river in Karnataka could have provided drinking water projects; and

(e) if so, whether any proposal in this regard is also being considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (e) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Allowing private parties to draw water from Periyar

1369. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of any proposal allowing private parties to draw water from the river Periyar in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the conditions and the period for which sanction has been given;

(c) whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the river is already in trouble due to reduced flow of water and intrusion of salt water from the sea;

(f) if so, whether such projects will result in further degradation of the river and the environment; and

(g) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Government of Kerala has reported that there is no proposal allowing private parties to draw water from the river Periyar in Kerala.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) During the dry season the flow in the river gets reduced and there is intrusion of salt water to a certain extent.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

Erosion of Ganga

1370. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous erosion of the Ganga which has assumed a dangerous proportion at Shankopara Station near Farakka, between railway line Nalodhip and Kala; and

(b) whether Government are also aware that the Bandel Thermal Power Station, Dakhineswar Temple, Balagarh in Hooghly, Katwa, Kalna in Burdwan, Barrackpore in North 24-Parganas in West Bengal are facing serious erosion problem of the Ganga (Bhagirathi)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Flood Management including river erosion being a State subject, investigation, planning and implementation of flood management schemes are within the purview of the State Government. The Central Government renders assistance which are technical, catalytical and promotional in nature.

As informed by the Government of West Bengal, they are aware of the erosion problem at village Shankopara in P.S. Farakka in the district of Murshidabad caused by the river Ganga/Padma. A scheme to arrest the erosion has already been prepared.

Further, Government of West Bengal has also informed that they are taking adequate steps to check/prevent erosion caused by river Ganga in various places *viz.* Katwa and Kalna in Burdwan and in this